GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

a) Whether the Government proposes to use Information Technology ((IT) for rural development and its contribution in this regard.

b) Whether the Government proposes any scheme for providing IT facility to rural population by establishing IT based service centers in rural areas. If so, the details thereof; and

c) Whether the Government proposes to extend financial assistance to target group including NGOs for providing IT facility to the rural population, if so, details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Rural Development is using Information Technology (IT) for providing e-Governance solution in rural development programmes for promoting transparency, efficient delivery of services and real time monitoring.

(b): As per the available information, the Government of India under the Digital India Programmme, is implementing various schemes namely the Common Service Centres (CSCs), National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN), Comprehensive Telecom Development Program and Digital SaksharraAbiyan, to develop and provide support to the use of information technology in rural areas of the country. The CSCs are Information and Communication Technology (ICT) enabled kiosks with broadband connectivity to provide various Governments, private and social services in the doorstep of the citizen. As on date 1,41,606 CSCs have been made operational in 36 States/UTs.

(c): As per the available information, the financial assistance being provided by the Government to various agencies for providing IT facility to rural population is specific to various schemes/projects of Digital India Program.

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